

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-47 remain pending in the present application. Claims 1-9, 11-21, 23-32 and 35-47 were elected. Claims 10, 22, 33 and 34 are withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

Respectfully submitted,



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